

MICHIGAN STUDENT SERVICE AWARD FACT SHEET



Students will complete and document 400 hours of non-paid community service over the course of their four years in high school. These activities should meet a recognized community need, with special emphasis on volunteer work through nonprofit organizations, government programs, community groups, or schools. To search for these opportunities, visit the HandsOn Battle Creek website.

RECOGNITION OF YOUR COMMITMENT

HandsOn staff will connect with each MSSA recipient to determine the most appropriate method to recognize each student for their efforts. Students will be rewarded with:

- A Medallion of Distinction to wear at graduation ceremony
- A Certificate of Distinction signed by the Governor of Michigan for Commitment to Service
- Community wide recognition efforts in the media and HandsOn Battle Creek's Website

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

This program is designed for high school students in grades 9-12. Students must first apply for the program before accruing their hours. Students may apply for the program immediately after the completion of their 8th grade year and continue to log hours until the final month of the school year during their graduation year.

LOGGING HOURS

After we have confirmed that your application has been received, you can begin tracking your hours through one of two ways: 1. The HandsOn Battle Creek website 2. The provided 'Volunteer Activity Tracking Form'. HandsOn staff will periodically mail a confirmation of your records that we have on file for you. Please attempt to log hours as soon as completed throughout your high school career, rather than all at once – this helps us better predict and plan for who will need honors secured for graduation. All hours must be logged prior to your graduation date.

Questions? Contact Ben Nyhoff at HandsOn Battle Creek:

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